

THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 13 2015

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

<b>B. ROLL CALL:</b> Mayor Keough	J. Carson	D. Fisher
	J. Knight	J. Semifero
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Laura Kreps, Carlisle Wortman Associates; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – March 23, 2015
2. Council Work Session – March 31, 2015

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 23, 2015 and the Council Work Session of March 31, 2015 with the following correction of the Regular City Council Meeting:

Page 1, Roll Call, it should read Kurt Augustine not Kirk Augustine.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Jim Pruitt, reporter from Washtenaw Now, announced that this will be the last meeting he will cover for the Dexter Leader. At the next Council meeting he will be representing The Sun Times News and covering the meetings for them.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Tree City USA 2014

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet.

Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Started flushing the hydrants today (April 13) and will continue doing so for the next 3-4 weeks.
- The Banner Pole is being welded now and will go up in the next week.
- Have been performing street sweeping.
- Working with BS&A on doing work orders in the new format.
- April 21-23, employees will be testing for licensing.
- Question asked about the temporary hire at the wastewater treatment plant and how is he doing? (Doing well and able to handle the work.)

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following updates:

- Thanked Staff and Council for their understanding during her recent illness.
- The City will probably not be able to be funded through Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the NUBCo study of industrial pretreatment options as the cost is well under the dollar amount that they do fund. Are now looking at funding through the US Department of Agriculture.
- The Planning Commission will now be meeting at 7 PM rather than 7:30 PM.
- The ZBA will meet on Monday, April 20 to consider a variance.
- The Jolly Pumpkin did open in Detroit last week.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

*Washtenaw County Sheriff – March 2015 Written Report*

- Written report submitted per packet.
- Question – can we get the reports earlier?
- Comment – in regards to the clothing collection bins being moved, maybe they should be anchored and maybe this should be something that Planning Commission should look into. (Ms. Aniol responded that this had been added to the zoning updates.)

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports

##### *Facilities*

- The committee met last Thursday (April 9) and discussed the upcoming Town Hall meeting scheduled for April 25 at the Dexter District Library.

##### *Road Plan – Joe Semifero*

- Update information included in New Business item L-3.

#### 5. City Manager Report

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave the following verbal updates:

- The City Assessor will start on Wednesday (April 15).
- We are still waiting for the combined property roll to come back from the County.
- Asked for any changes or comments on the 3045 Broad Street letter included in the packet, as it will be going to the DDA for their April 16 meeting.
- City entryway signage – City Limits have replaced Village Limits on the Championship signs. There was a request from Council for a summary of signs that need to be changed and the cost to do so.
- Question – When will work begin on Baker Road? (Will see work in the next few weeks.)
- Question – In regards to the concrete issues at Dexter Crossings, does the City issue anything to the builder on compliance? (The County inspects and the City approves occupancy.)

#### 6. Mayor's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates:

- The Search Committee has narrowed their search for a new Fire Chief to two candidates. Both will be at the Fire Board meeting on April 16.
- Question – What is the next step with the Dexter Wellness Center/Chelsea Wellness Foundation? (Our Attorney has asked for a deposition from Ms. Heydlauff and their Attorneys have asked to depose Mayor Keough again. We are scheduled to be in front of the Tax Tribunal in September.)

### **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$550,799.12
2. Consideration of: Memorial Day Parade to Be Held on May 25, 2015 at 10 am
3. Consideration of: American Legion Poppy Sale on City Sidewalks on Friday, May 15, 2015 and Saturday, May 16, 2015

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2 & 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

None

**L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of: Small Wine Makers License for Cider Mill

Motion Fisher; support Carson to recommend approval of the Small Wine Maker License for the Dexter Cider Mill.

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Planning Commission Recommendation to Approve Proposal with Carlisle Wortman for Update of Master Plan and Review of Ordinances Related to Oil and Gas Drilling

Motion Smith; support Knight to accept the recommendation of Planning Commission to approve the proposal with Carlisle Wortman for the update of the Master Plan and review of Ordinances related to oil and gas drilling.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Discussion of: Road Maintenance Bids

Patrick Droze gave a review of the three bids received for Asphalt Maintenance and the seven bids received for Asphalt Improvements.

Council Member Semifero addressed the budget for road improvements and that the bids received came in over what was expected. The Road Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14, to review and make a determination of what can be done this year within the budget and will bring this information back to the next Council meeting.

4. Consideration of: Resolution of Support for Proposal 1

Motion Carson; support Tell that the City of Dexter City Council supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and resolved that the Dexter City Council knows that the 1-cent increase in sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers' safety on the roads; and resolved that the Dexter City Council formally supports Safe Roads Yes! because if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Carson           None

Knight           None

Smith           None

Jones           On Friday, April 17, W4 Country will be at the Dexter Fire Station for Firehouse Friday and will be honoring Chief Yates on his retirement.

Semifero          None

Fisher           None

Tell             None

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Keough declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_